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Dates of test: June 8 to June 15, 1955
Manufacturer: MINNEAPOLIS-MOLINE COMPANY,
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
Manufacturer's rating: Not rated

NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST NO. 547

MINNEAPOLIS-MOLINE GB

BELT HORSEPOWER TESTS

Hp	Crank shaft speed rpm	Fuel Consumption			Water used gal per hour	Temp Deg F		Barometer inches of mercury		
		Gal per hour	Hp-hr per gal	Lb per hp-hour		Cooling med	Air			
TEST B—100% MAXIMUM LOAD—TWO HOURS										
65.64	1300	6.025	10.89	0.566	0.00	170	68	28.895		
TEST C—OPERATING MAXIMUM LOAD—ONE HOUR										
65.08	1300	5.389	11.71	0.527	0.00	164	67	28.925		
TEST D—RATED LOAD—ONE HOUR										
58.51	1301	5.122	11.42	0.540	0.00	162	68	28.935		
TEST E—VARYING LOAD—TWO HOURS (20 minute runs; last line average)										
58.42	1299	5.115	11.42	0.540	...	161	67		
1.48	1431	2.008	0.71	8.696	...	144	66		
30.85	1370	3.470	8.89	0.693	...	151	66		
61.18	1222	5.183	11.80	0.522	...	163	68		
15.99	1415	2.745	5.83	1.058	...	149	68		
45.27	1342	4.341	10.43	0.591	...	156	70		
35.53	1346	3.824	9.29	0.663	...	154	68	28.950		
TORQUE (At Dynamometer)										
Eng rpm	1298	1225	1149	1075	995	920	847	773	700	627
Lb-ft	400.2	411.3	424.9	434.9	444.5	451.5	454.1	451.5	442.8	431.4
Dyn rpm	829	781	732	684	633	585	539	492	445	398

DRAWBAR HORSEPOWER TESTS

Hp	Draw bar pull lb	Speed miles per hr	Crank shaft speed rpm	Slip of drive wheels %	Fuel Consumption			Water used gal per hour	Temp Deg F		Barometer inches of mercury
					Gal per hour	Hp-hr per gal	Lb per hp-hr		Cooling med	Air	
TEST H—RATED LOAD—TEN HOURS—3rd Gear											
46.26	4046	4.29	1300	6.25	4.578	10.10	0.610	0.00	161	69	28.968
TEST F—100% MAXIMUM LOAD											
59.12	5229	4.24	1301	7.57	3rd gear				166	66	28.950
TEST G—OPERATING MAXIMUM LOAD											
41.29	6718	2.30	1297	16.47	1st gear (part throttle)				161	71	28.940
55.98	5923	3.54	1301	9.45	2nd gear				165	70	28.940
57.61	5086	4.25	1301	7.22	3rd gear				166	67	28.950
56.76	3437	6.19	1297	5.74	4th gear				161	72	28.940
50.70	1270	14.97	1304	2.63	5th gear				164	74	28.940
TEST J—OPERATING MAXIMUM LOAD											
46.92	4470	3.94	1305	14.46	3rd gear (part throttle)				164	78	28.910

TIRES, WHEELS AND WEIGHT Tests F, G, & H

Tests F, G, & H		Test J	
Rear wheels		Cast iron	
Type	Cast iron	Cast iron	
Liquid ballast	958 lb each	None	
Added cast iron	1200 lb each	None	
Rear tires		Two 15-34	
No. and size	Two 15-34	Two 15-34	
Ply	6	6	
Air pressure	16 lb	12 lb	
Front wheels		Pressed steel	
Type	Pressed steel	Pressed steel	
Liquid ballast	None	None	
Added cast iron	156 lb each	None	
Front tires		Two 7.50-18	
No. and size	Two 7.50-18	Two 7.50-18	
Ply	4	4	
Air pressure	28 lb	28 lb	
Height of drawbar		18½ inches	
Static weight		19½ inches	
Rear end	9250 lb	4935 lb	
Front end	2420 lb	2171 lb	
Total weight as tested with operator		11,845 lb	
		7281 lb	

FUEL, OIL and TIME Gasoline Octane No. ASTM 80.3 Research 85.9 (rating taken from oil company's typical inspection data) weight per gallon 6.164 lb Oil SAE 30 to motor 2.205 gal drained from motor 2.090 gal Total time motor was operated 48½ hours.

CHASSIS Type Standard Serial No. 08900276 Tread width rear 62" front 54¼" Wheel base 82½" Hydraulic control system direct engine drive Advertised speeds mph first 2.7 second 3.8 third 4.4 fourth 6.3 fifth 14.7 reverse 2.1 Belt pulley diam 16" face 7" rpm 741 Belt speed 3104 fpm Clutch twin disc clutch operated by hand lever Seat pressed steel mounted on coil spring with snubber Brakes disc brakes operated by two foot pedals Equalized no Power take-off conventional type.

ENGINE Make Minneapolis-Moline Type 4 cylinder vertical Serial No. 02006587 Crankshaft mounted lengthwise Head I Lubrication pressure Bore and stroke 4⅞" x 6" Rated rpm 1300 Compression ratio 5.74 to 1 Displacement 403.2 cu in Port diameter valves inlet 1½" exhaust 1⅜" Governor variable speed centrifugal Carburetor size 1¼" Ignition system battery Starting system 12 volt battery Air cleaner oil washed wire mesh Muffler was used Oil filter replaceable waste cartridge Cooling medium temperature control thermostat.

REPAIRS AND ADJUSTMENTS No repairs or adjustments.

REMARKS All test results were determined from observed data and without allowances, additions or deductions. Tests B and F were made with carburetor set for 100% maximum belt horsepower and data from these tests were used in determining the horsepower to be developed in tests D and H, respectively. Tests C, D, E, G, H, & J were made with an operating setting of the carburetor (selected by the manufacturer) of 95.9% of maximum belt horsepower.

HORSEPOWER SUMMARY

	Drawbar	Belt
1. Sea level (calculated) maximum horsepower (based on 60° F and 29.92" HG)	61.45	68.50
2. Observed maximum horsepower (tests F and B)	59.12	65.64
3. Seventy-five per cent of calculated maximum drawbar horsepower and eighty-five per cent of calculated maximum belt horsepower (formerly ASAE and SAE ratings)	46.09	58.23

We, the undersigned, certify that this is a true and correct report of official Tractor Test No. 547.

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EXPLANATION OF TEST REPORT

TEST A: The manufacturer's representative operates the tractor for a minimum of 12 hours using light to heavy drawbar loads in each gear.

This serves as a period for limber up, general observation and adjustments. Adjustments that are permissible include valve tappet clearance, breaker point gap, spark plug gaps, clutch and others of a similar nature. No new parts or accessories can be installed without having mention made of it in the report.

No data are recorded during this preliminary run except the time that the engine is operated.

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TEST B: The throttle valve is held wide open and the belt load on the dynamometer is adjusted so that the engine is at the rated speed recommended by the manufacturer. Carburetor, ignition timing and manifold adjustments are all set for maximum engine power.

This test is designed to determine maximum belt horsepower of the tractor at rated speed and to measure fuel consumption at the maximum power on the belt.

TEST C: For tractors with carburetors the best fuel economy does not always occur when the engine develops maximum power at rated speed. Test C is intended to allow the manufacturer's representative to select a more economical fuel setting even though there is a slight loss of power. *This more practical carburetor setting is used in all later tests except test F.* The throttle valve is held wide open and load adjusted to give rated rpm. Tests B and C are the same for diesel tractors, which have an altogether different fuel system.

TEST D: The throttle control lever is set so that the governor will maintain rated engine speed when rated load is applied. Rated load is 85% of 100% maximum, as obtained in test B, corrected to standard conditions.

This rating is somewhat less than the maximum belt horsepower in order that the operator may have a certain amount of reserve.

TEST E:

Varying load serves to show the range of engine speeds when the engine is controlled by the governor during the following varied loads, of 20 minutes each: rated load, no load, $\frac{1}{2}$ rated load, maximum load at wide open throttle valve, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ rated load.

The average result of this test shows the average power and fuel consumption. Since the average tractor is subjected to varying loads, these data serve well in predicting fuel consumption and efficiency of a tractor in general use.

Torque, lb-ft at dynamometer, is obtained with wide open throttle and sufficient load is applied to give several readings.

DRAWBAR HORSEPOWER TESTS

In all drawbar tests the pull exerted by the tractor is transmitted by a hydraulic pressure cylinder to a recording instrument in the test car. All tests are made on the same dirt test course which is maintained by grading, sprinkling and rolling

so that it remains very nearly the same throughout the season. The same tires, wheels and weights are used for all tests except J and K.

TEST F: A drawbar test, the results of which are used to determine the rated drawbar horsepower in test H. The carburetor is set to develop maximum power as in test B. The rated gear recommended by manufacturer as plow gear is used in this test. The drawbar load is adjusted to give rated engine speed.

TEST G: Maximum drawbar horsepower is determined in each gear when the carburetor is set for fuel economy as in test C. The throttle valve is held wide open and the load is applied so that the engine runs at rated engine speed.

When operating in low gear it is not uncommon for the tractor to develop less drawbar horsepower than in rated gear because of excessive wheel slippage. When excessive wheel slippage occurs the load is reduced until slippage approaches 16%. When the load is reduced it is necessary to operate the tractor engine at part throttle and control engine speed by governor action.

TEST H: Intended to test the ability of the tractor to run continuously for 10 hours at rated drawbar horsepower and to determine the fuel consumption during that time. Rated drawbar horsepower is 75% of 100% maximum drawbar horsepower (Test F), corrected to standard conditions.

When operating at rated load the throttle control lever is set to maintain rated engine speed. This rating is less than maximum drawbar horsepower in order that the operator may have a certain amount of reserve.

TEST J: The tractor is operated in rated gear with all added weight removed. This test shows the effect of the removal of added weight on the performance of the tractor when compared with test G.

Removal of wheel weights generally increases wheel slippage and decreases drawbar horsepower.

TEST K: Similar to test J except that the smallest tires and lightest wheels offered by the manufacturer are used.

